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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3220

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE, FAS, NOVOTNY  
FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES FROM AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, CH

SUBJECT: GRAIN EXPORTS TO PRC ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS

REF: (A) FASTO CIRCULAR 503

(B) HK13159

1. FOR FAS/W, GRAIN AND FEED DIVISION: AG OFFICER FULLY  
AWARE THAT GRAIN DIVISION REQUIRES (A) TRADE DATA ON MAR-  
KETING YEAR BASIS AND (B) NORMALLY DOES NOT PROVIDE VALUE  
FIGURES OR ESTIMATES ON GRAIN MOVEMENT. THAT IS WHY REF.  
B WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO AG ATTACHES AT ADDRESSEE POSTS AND  
NOT TO GRAIN DIVISION. FOR SAME REASONS,  
ADDRESSEE POSTS NOT REQUESTED TO SEND INFO COPIES TO FAS/W/

2. PURPOSE OF REQUEST WAS TO OBTAIN DATA ON GRAIN EXPORTS  
TO HELP FILL GAPS IN INFORMATION NEEDED BY CONGEN IN  
ASSESSING PRC IMPORTS AND EXPORTS AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
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ON CALENDAR REPEAT CALENDAR YEAR BASIS.

3. TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH GRAIN DIVISION, FAS/W, AND CONGEN HONG KONG, IN KEEPING TRACK OF PRC; HIGHLY IMPORTANT GRAIN TRADE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AG ATTACHES IN THE THREE KEY GRAIN EXPORTING COUNTRIES (CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND ARGENTINA) WOULD TRANSMIT DATA ON QUARTERLY OR SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS WHICH COULD THEN BE COMBINED EITHER BY CALENDAR YEARS OR BY MARKETING YEARS, ACCORDING TO REQUIREMENTS. AG OFFICER HONG KONG WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL SUCH REPORTS.

4. FOR CANBERRA AND BUENOS AIRES: CONGEN GREATLY APPRECIATES PROMPT AND HIGHLY INFORMATIVE REPLIES FROM AG ATTACHES.

5. FOR OTTAWA: BECAUSE WE BELIEVE CANADIAN WHEAT EXPORTS COULD RANGE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 2 AND 3 MILLION METRIC TONS THIS YEAR, YOUR BEST ESTIMATES WOULD PROVE VERY HELPFUL IN ESTIMATING PRC'S TOTAL GRAIN IMPORTS FOR CY1974.  
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